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Application of David A. Morgenstern, et al. Art Unit 1625
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For PROCESS AND CATALYST FOR DEHYDROGENATING PRIMARY ALCOHOLS
TO MAKE CARBOXYLIC ACID SALTS
Examiner T. Victor Oh
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due and the accompanying comments dated October 4, 2004.

At the bottom of page 4 of the comments accompanying the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner states that "The instant invention, however, differs from the prior art in that the copper catalyst comprises a metal supporting structure having at least 2 to 30% by weight copper metal resistant to deformation under conditions of the dehydrogenation."

Applicants understand this statement to apply to only those claims which include this requirement, i.e. claims 19, 52, and 93 and claims depending therefrom. All other allowed claims are understood to be found patentable for reasons already made of record.

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